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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES STUDY VISIT BY AL FRANCIS MARCH 26-29.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, FRED BROWN PROBABLY DEPARTING POST MARCH 17 ON TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT AND THUS CANNOT HOST FRANCIS. AMBASSADOR VERY PLEASED TO BRIEF FRANCIS PERSONALLY AND FACILITATE STUDY IN EVERY WAY, INCLUDING TOUR OF TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA OF ISLAND. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE SUNDAY, MARCH 28, FOR OFFICIAL CONSULTATION IN EUROPE, IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT IF FRANCIS COULD VISIT NICOSIA BEFORE (RATHER THAN AFTER) ATHENS. WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE MARCH 22-25, SUBJECT OF COURSE TO ATHENS' CONCURRENCE.

3. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION WITH MISSION OFFICERS, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR FRANCIS TO MEET WITH CERTAIN GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS.

4. BROWN WILL TELEPHONE FRANCIS ON ARRIVAL WASHINGTON. CRAWFORD

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